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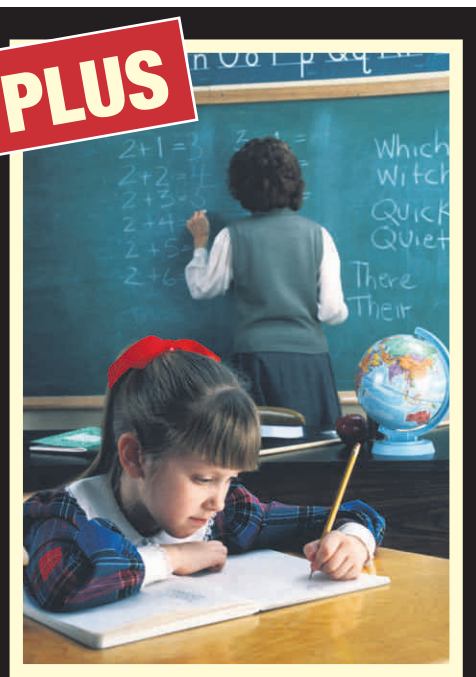

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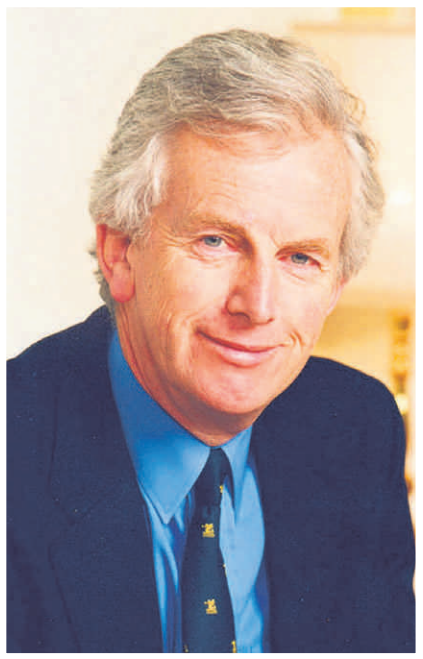

CANCER OP: Sandy Bruce-Lockhart

Bruce-Lockhart recuperating after major op

ONE of Kent's most senior politicians has had an operation to remove a cancerous tumour.

Lord Bruce-Lockhart, 65, the former Tory leader of Kent County Council, is recovering in hospital.

'Get well soon' – see inside

MISERS

VETERAN: Group Captain Patrick Tootal

MPs slam MoD's 'mean' tax rebate for troops in war zones

By PHIL REILLY

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A COUNCIL tax rebate for serving soldiers announced by the Government has been criticised as "substandard", "mean" and "tacky".

At the Labour Party conference this week, Defence Secretary Des Browne used his speech to announce that soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan would receive a £140 discount over a six-month tour of duty – the equivalent of 25 per cent of the average council tax bill.

That amount is also to be paid from existing Ministry of Defence budgets.

Maidstone RAF veteran Group Captain Patrick Tootal, 66, whose two sons have served in Helmand Province and Basra, described the rebate as "substandard".

Grp Cpt Tootal, who is a Deputy Lieutenant of Kent, said: "There should be much better tax breaks for putting your life on the line. To get the equivalent of an OAP discount is tacky, the whole thing has got to be looked at; not just council tax, but accommodation and front-line equipment.

"The Government is only addressing little bits that will play well at conference, especially as it is not promising any new money.

"This is to come out of the MoD's budget, which is ridiculous. It has to be new money."

Roger Gale, Tory MP for North Thanet, who has campaigned for more money to be given to families of deceased servicemen, also slammed the discount as "mean and tacky".

He said: "It was designed to grab headlines and the devil is in the detail. It is targeted only at army personnel on active service in Iraq and Afghanistan. It will do nothing at all for those many who serve less than six

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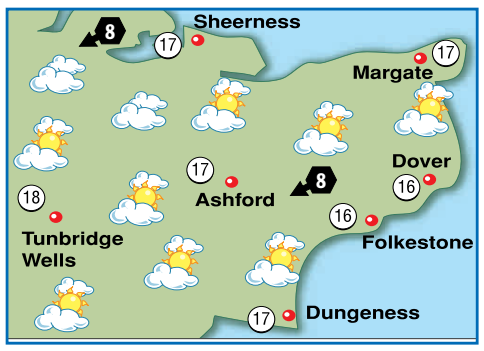

TODAY: It will be dry with sunny periods and just patchy cloud. Staying fine during the evening. A gentle north-easterly wind. Max temp 15-18C (59-64F).
TONIGHT: It will stay dry and there will also be clear spells. There will be a gentle north-easterly wind. Min temp 9-12C (48-54F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	13	55	London	fair	16	61
Belfast	cloudy	17	63	Liverpool	cloudy	18	64
Birmingham	cloudy	14	57	Manchester	fair	15	59
B'mouth	fair	16	61	Newcastle	fair	14	57
Bristol	cloudy	17	63	Norwich	fair	16	61
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Cork	cloudy	15	59	Southsea	cloudy	17	63
Edinburgh	cloudy	14	57	S'hampton	fair	16	61
Glasgow	fair	15	59	Southport	sun	17	63
Isle of Man	cloudy	15	59	Swansea	cloudy	17	63
Leeds	fair	13	55	Torquay	cloudy	17	63

Sun & moon

Sunrise	6.54am	Sunset	6.36pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	7.48pm	Moonset	12.17pm	6.36pm to 6.55am

High Tides

	today				tomorrow			
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Dover	01.41	6.8	13.58	7.0	02.24	6.6	14.42	6.7
Margate	02.47	4.8	14.56	5.0	03.26	4.7	15.41	4.8
St Mary's	07.37	5.8	20.00	5.7	08.19	5.5	20.45	5.3

Week ahead

monday Rain at times. max 16C min 13C
tuesday Risk of rain. max 19C min 13C
wednesday Rather cloudy. max 19C min 14C
thursday Chance of rain. max 19C min 13C
friday Cloudy. Dry. max 20C min 13C
saturday Sunny spells. max 19C min 12C

Sandy, get well soon

Former KCC leader recovers from cancer op

By **JENNA PUDELEK** and **PHIL REILLY**
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TOP politicians have wished Sandy-Bruce Lockhart a speedy recovery.

The former Tory leader of Kent County Council is said to be recovering steadily in hospital after an operation to remove a cancerous tumour.

The 65-year-old led KCC for eight years, before making way for Paul Carter to take over in 2005. He is married to Tess and has three children.

A statement released on behalf of his family on Friday said: "Sandy Bruce-Lockhart had a major operation on Wednesday, September 20 to remove a cancerous tumour.

Treatment

"He expects to spend a fortnight in hospital recovering and this will be followed by rest at home before any further treatment.

"Sandy, Tess and the family have been overwhelmed by so many kind messages and thank everyone for their great kindness and support."

Michael Howard, Tory MP for Folkestone and Hythe, said: "The contribution which Sandy Bruce-Lockhart made to Kent is absolutely incalculable."

Cllr Paul Carter, leader of KCC, said: "Colleagues and friends across Kent and beyond will be very pleased to hear of Sandy's steady recovery.

"Every Kent resident owes him a deep debt of gratitude. I hope he makes a very full and speedy recovery."

ROAD TO RECOVERY: Lord Bruce-Lockhart at home with his family

A spokesman for the Conservative Party said that leader David Cameron had contacted Lord Bruce-Lockhart directly and sent him flowers. He did not wish to comment.

Eric Pickles, the Tories' shadow secretary of state for communities and local government, said: "Sandy is one of the great enthusiasts for local government in our party. A man who is greatly respected and enormous fun to be with, we all wish him a very speedy recovery."

Lord Bruce-Lockhart previously lived in Zimbabwe and Australia, before moving to Kent in the 1960s. He has two fruit farms in Kent and lives in Headcorn, near Maidstone.

He became a county councillor for Maidstone Rural East in 1989 after chairing a rail committee in the Weald of Kent preservation society – protesting over the route of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link.

He was knighted in the New Year's Honours List in 2002, and was made a peer last year, given the title Baron Bruce-Lockhart, of The Weald in the County of Kent.

The former chairman of the Local Government Association was appointed chairman of English Heritage in August.

Cllr Margaret Eaton, vice-chairman of the LGA said: "We were shocked to hear this news.

"Our thoughts are with Sandy and his family at this time."

Simon Thurley, chief executive of English Heritage, said: "Lord Bruce-Lockhart has already made a terrific start as our new chairman. We look forward to having him back with us as soon as possible."

Cllr Mike Eddy, leader of the Labour group on KCC, wished his former political sparring partner all the best.

He added: "In terms of getting the best for Kent he's always had its best interests at heart."

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'Rebate part of our support for troops'

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months, which includes those repatriated wounded or dead, and of course it does not recognise the existence and the heroism of those serving in the RAF in the skies above war zones or of the Navy patrolling the Gulf."

Speaking ahead of a visit to HMS Bulwark in Plymouth, he added: "What am I supposed to say to my constituents serving on board this ship?

"Am I to say that 'Your country does not care about the Royal Navy?' This ship's last tour in support of the Iraq war lasted eight months - but not all of that time was spent in the war zone. Does that make their contribution to this misguided war effort any the less courageous or valuable?"

Another critic of the rebate was Canterbury Tory MP Julian Brazier, a former Territorial Army officer, who described it as "a very small gesture".

He said: "It doesn't compensate for the fact that the Government is working the Armed Forces at levels unprecedented since the Second World War with casualty levels unprecedented since the Second World War."

An MOD spokesman said the rebate would add to the existing welfare package for personnel.

He added: "This demonstrates the ongoing commitment we have to improving our support to members of the Armed Forces and their families."

Soldiers from five Kent barracks have been deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan since the conflicts started.

Addicks could train in county

THE LINKS between Charlton Athletic and Kent are manifold – and now the club might even move its first-team training ground to the county.

The Addicks have joined forces with Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd on a 150-acre development at Kings Hill, near Tonbridge, that will see the creation of a prestige £5.5m sports village and cater for all of Charlton's community work across Kent.

And the Championship club could construct a state-of-the-art training complex on an adjoining area.

"This is a major development in Kent, and has huge potential for the club and the Charlton Community Trust," said Charlton chief executive Peter Varney.

Liberty is currently working alongside Kent County Council to develop Kings Hill, the county's high-profile new mixed-use business and residential community.

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BOOK SIGNING: Tony Blackburn will be at Waterstone's at Bluewater and Fremlin Walk on Tuesday

Why Tony is still feeling Poptastic

TONY Blackburn is always keen to be the first at anything, whether launching a new radio station or camping in the Australian jungle.

As someone who, for many listeners, embodies the 'old school' type of DJ, Tony is surprisingly keen to move with the times. In his new book, Poptastic! My Life In Radio, the 64-year-old veteran broadcaster remembers the excitement of his first forays into the industry. But as far as he is concerned, the 1960s were the bad old days when it came to technology.

"I don't miss using vinyl records at all," he revealed. "Now when I put the music together for my radio shows, I can just put it all on two CDs. I have my entire music library on my computer, it's so quick and easy. It's terrific and I wish it had always been that way."

Memoirs

Blackburn wrote his first autobiography 25 years ago but, despite many offers, this is the first time he has been tempted to update his memoirs.

"I was asked to do it after I'm A Celebrity..., but these books come with a lot of baggage and can affect the people you live with," he said. "I was offered a lot of money to just say bad things about the people I'd been in the jungle with. But my mother died last year and I began to feel that I would like to update it."

His winning appearance on the first series of ITV's reality show I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here! in 2002 won him a new generation of fans and the title King of the Jungle. His calm demeanour and refusal to get involved in fellow contestants' bickering endeared him to viewers, who saved him from enduring one of the show's notorious Bush Tucker Trials. But Blackburn had already refused to eat any meat or living creature before filming began.

He said: "I'm a vegetarian, so I believe that it's wrong to kill any animal. People said I was only going on the programme to save my career, but I was on radio six days a week at the time, so I thought my career was going pretty well."

Blackburn agreed to appear on the show because he had never been to Australia before, but it led to an almost spiritual experience.

He said: "I absolutely loved doing it. I'm not at all religious, but it was that sort of feeling. I wondered how long this feeling of calm would last, but it hasn't worn off yet. I'm glad I was on the first series, because it has become quite extreme since. But then it's always good to be the first at anything."

He was famously true to his word by becoming the first voice on BBC Radio 1 when it hit the airwaves in September 1967. Currently celebrating its 40th birthday, the channel has done a great job, according to Blackburn.

"Considering the competition these days from commercial radio, television and the internet, I think the station has done brilliantly," he said. "I don't think it's wrong that older DJs should move on to other stations – it's not that they can't do the job, it's just about image and who younger people will relate to. It's a station for young people. If I became the boss of Radio 1 and found out Tony Blackburn was still working there, I'd fire me!"

On Tuesday, Tony Blackburn will be signing copies of his new book at Waterstone's in Fremlin Walk, Maidstone, from 4pm to 5pm and at Waterstone's at Bluewater at 6.30pm.

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Domiciliary care hike is a breach in equality

THOUSANDS of disabled people and pensioners across Kent will have to spend 85 per cent of their disposable income to be looked after at home, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

Kent County Council has raised domiciliary care charges by up to £45 a week within three years.

And the Centre for Independent Living in Kent (Cilk) claims the authority could be in breach of the disability equality duty.

Under the Disability Discrimination Act 2005, every public body has to include disabled people in decision and policy-making exercises.

Allen Jones, chairman of Cilk, said the consultation process broke this statutory duty and the charity is in talks with the Disability Rights Commission over how to take it further.

Mr Jones has a rare form of muscular dystrophy, which has left him wheelchair-bound.

He said the care he receives allows him to do voluntary work that gives him a sense of worth and allows him to contribute to society.

"We are proud of our county but want it to be a county of excellence that does not charge people for this type of support.

"The services are not luxuries – its things like getting in and out of bed, dressing, having a shower, toileting, cooking and housework," he said.

Cllr Mike Eddy, who was chairman of the scrutiny committee that debated the decision, said: "I think it is an absolute disgrace. It will affect some of the most vulnerable people in Kent."

About 8,000 people receive domiciliary care across the county.

At least 5,000 of them will have to pay more under the new regime, which KCC hopes will cut £628,000 from its £273 million adult services bill.

Cllr Kevin Lynes, cabinet member for adult services, said: "We were previously charging 65 per cent of an individual's residual income and we have taken that up to 85 per cent. Most of our nearest neighbours are charging 100 per cent.

"KCC is one of the few authorities that operates moderate eligibility criteria."

He said there are four levels of criteria from low to critical, he said no authority provided care for those with the lowest needs and only two in the South East including Kent provides for those with moderate need.

Cllr Lynes said the cost of social care was spiralling saying in 10 years there would be 63,100 more over 65-year-olds by 2016, 6,700 more over 85-year-olds and a 25 per cent increase in the amount of people with dementia.

The higher charges will not impact on everyone and people who pay nothing now towards their care will continue to do so, Cllr Lynes said.

A £15 a week cap has been put on the charges, meaning the charge will not increase by more than £15 per week each year, which will increase annually to £45 after three years.

Gymnast is going for gold

Picture: KNP

JOY: Victoria Loftus with her mum Susan Mackey

Victoria heads to China for Special Games

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A TEENAGER who was once one of the smallest babies in the world is heading to China next week in a bid to land Olympic gold.

Rainham Gymnast Victoria Loftus, 15, who weighed just 1lb 4oz when she was born, is flying out to compete at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai on Wednesday.

Victoria, who is also partially deaf, trains for 13 hours a week and won gold and silver medals in her first-ever competition in 2002.

Proud mother Susan Mackey, 43, said her daughter had been given just a 30 per cent chance of survival when she was born after just 28 weeks.

Incredible

She said: "It was the scariest thing I have ever been through, but to see her now competing and full of joy is incredible.

"She isn't fazed by anything and is never nervous when she competes. She absolutely loves gymnastics and it gives her so much self-confidence.

"She was never going to be an academic, but with this it is something she is going to achieve at. She trains really hard and deserves all the success she gets."

Victoria was unable to fly out with the rest of her team-mates last Wednesday due to a stomach bug, and had to cancel a planned send off at the Pentagon Shopping Centre in Chatham. Fortunately, she will still be out there in time to compete.

She is also hoping to be in the team when the Special Olympics come to London in 2012, when she will be 20.

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It says these people who give so much to society do not get the practical, financial and emotional support they need.

The report found that there are more carers in Kent – 127,000 – than in any other county in the South East.

A spokesperson for the charity said: "It is ironic, given the billions they contribute to the economy, that so many carers are forced into poverty and a low quality of life.

"Carers are invaluable to the UK – it's time they were given the support and recognition to become valued, equal members of society."

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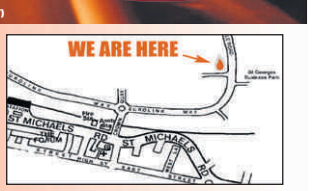

Memorial for Spurs vicar

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A HEADSTONE has been unveiled at the grave of the founder of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club – exactly 100 years after he died a pauper.

A memorial service was held at Charlton Cemetery in Dover for the Rev John Ripsher, a priest who started the club as a means of keeping young boys off the streets.

But he was buried in an unmarked grave after dying in the Dover workhouse that later became Buckland Hospital.

He was the parish priest at All Hallow's Church in north London – a stone's throw from what is now the club's White Hart Lane ground. He founded the club in 1882 for boys in his Bible class, becoming its first president and treasurer. The boys named the team after 14th century knight Harry Hotspur.

He later moved to Dover to live with his sister Jane and her family, who ran the Diamond Hotel, before losing his eyesight and living the rest of his life in the workhouse.

Speaking at the ceremony before a crowd of around 60 supporters, dignitaries and descendents, Spurs' executive director Paul Barber said: "He could never have hoped or dreamt his charges would grow into the successful, world-renowned club we are today.

"I take solace from knowing that at least he lived long enough to see Spurs win the FA Cup in 1901 – the only non-league club to do so. He was our president and our patron, but he was so much more than that."

Descendant Steve Ripsher, who attended the service on Monday with his son Paul, also gave a short speech in his honour.

He said: "John Ripsher was a rare individual and a man who wanted to make a major contribution to the local community and the young boys in his care.

"We are both absolutely delighted and honoured to be here today, and as supporters ourselves, we know this great club would not exist today if it was not for John Ripsher – it is as simple as that."

The unmarked grave was discovered by author Peter Lupson whilst researching a book about the role of the clergy in the founding of major English football clubs, entitled Thank God for Football.

Compassion

Mr Lupson said: "100 years ago today he was buried and forgotten. It is an honour to revive his memory and what he has done. I was touched by his Christian compassion.

"Under him the club had a reputation for fair play and sportsmanship that made them the most popular club in England.

"The last the club ever knew about John Ripsher was what was written in a 1908 history of the club by two of the boys he founded it for. They wrote that the last they had heard of him was that he was living in Dover in poor circumstances and was totally blind."

Relatives of the first black professional footballer Walter Tull, who played for Tottenham in the early 20th century and lived in Dover, were also at the ceremony.

AT LAST: Peter Lupson and Spurs' executive director Paul Barber at John Ripsher's grave

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Gordon Brown under fire over duuring party conference ovver Kingsnorth plans

PM stokes power fears

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GORDON Brown's green credentials have been called into question after he failed to rule out a new coal-fired power station in Kent at this week's Labour conference.

Plans for a station at Kingsnorth are currently being considered, but Greenpeace executive director John Sauven said he was disappointed the Prime Minister had not dismissed the proposals.

He said: "Gordon Brown talked about being a world leader in green technology but put no flesh on the bones of how to get there.

"After 10 years we're still at the bottom of most league tables when it comes to renewable energy. If he really does mean business he should stand up now and declare that there will be no new coal-fired power stations like the one proposed at Kingsnorth."

During his lengthy speech in Bournemouth this week, which clocked in at over an hour, the PM laid out his leadership credentials and stressed his commitment on a number of causes, most notably health and education.

He said his aim was to make "every child a reader, (and) every child to be able to count", as well as introducing fives hours of sport a week for schoolchildren.

Setting out his ambitions for the country, he said: "I stand for a Britain where everyone should rise as far as their talents can take them and then the talents of each of us should contribute to the well being of all.

Speculation

"I stand for a Britain where all families who work hard can build a better life for themselves and their children.

"I stand for a Britain where every young person who has it in them to study at college or university should not be prevented by money from doing so.

"I stand for a Britain where public services exist for the patient, the pupil, the people who are to be served.

"I stand for a Britain that defends its citizens and both punishes crime and prevents it by dealing with the root causes."

Conspicuous by their absence were references to Tony Blair, David Cameron and the Conservatives. Indeed, his predecessor received just a single mention, one more than Mr the Tory leader.

He also did little to diffuse speculation that he may call a snap election, studiously avoiding ruling out or confirming one.

In his own conference speech, education secretary Ed Balls expanded on Mr Brown's schools policies, announcing that an independent body would be brought in to assess exam standards in order to counter claims that GCSEs and A-Levels were becoming easier.

Health secretary Alan Johnson used his time on the podium to pledge to create a "personalised health service", and promised new measures to tackle hospital bugs MRSA and C-Difficile.

Foreign secretary David Miliband also used his speech to reject demands for a referendum on the EU treaty, describing them as "institutional navel-gazing".

Elsewhere at the conference, home secretary Jacqui Smith told a fringe meeting the time had come to look again at 28-day limit on holding terrorist suspects, and former ally of Margaret Thatcher Lord Tebbit praised the new Prime Minister as her heir.

Environment Secretary Hilary Benn said he intends to push through plans for a right of access around the entire coastline.

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A&E pledge

HEALTH secretary Alan Johnson this week pledged to make decisions on downgrading A&E departments, such as the one at Maidstone Hospital, based on the opinions of clinicians.

Speaking at the Labour Party conference in Bournemouth, Mr Johnson said he would defer to the recommendations of the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) on all decisions regarding A&E downgrades.

In May Kent County Council's overview and scrutiny committee rejected the NHS Trust's proposals to reduce services at Maidstone in favour of a new centre of excellence for emergency surgery at Tunbridge Wells.

It was then passed to Mr Johnson, who will make the final decision, who in turn passed it on to the IRP for review.

The body this week started a public consultation on the proposals, and is urging people to email their opinions to civic.engagement@westkentpct.nhs.uk or to call 01732 375 288.

BARE FACED CHEEK: Andrew Parr (far right) joins protest strip in Bournemouth

A FORMER Allied Steel and Wire worker from Kent led a stark protest against the Government at the Labour Party conference.

Andrew Parr, 63, from Minster on the Isle of Sheppey, stripped to his birthday suit with other members of the Pensions Action Group in Bournemouth on Tuesday.

Mr Parr was one of more than 1,000 steelworkers who lost their pensions when the firm collapsed in 2002.

The action group, which is pressing the Government for compensation on behalf of 125,000 workers across the country in similar circumstances, held a fringe meeting and rally on Tuesday morning, before Mr Parr and others dropped their trousers for the 'Stripped of Our Pensions' protest.

He said: "Despite being found guilty by the Parliamentary Ombudsman, the Public Administration Select Committee, the European Court of Justice and the High Court, this Government still refuses to accept any responsibility in this matter, and refuses to introduce a properly funded compensation scheme for the 125,000 workers affected by this scandal."

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City hits top spot

A LUXURY travel magazine has named Canterbury one of the top places in Britain for tourists.

The cathedral city came sixth in a list of destinations published in the latest issue of Conde Nast Traveller magazine – part of the New York-based publishing empire, which also includes Vogue, GQ, Vanity Fair and Tatler.

Each year, the magazine runs the contest to find the best place to visit.

It takes into account such factors as quality of service, accommodation, restaurants and value for money.

And the city finished sixth – with an 82.79 per cent approval rating; below only London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Durham.

It is the first time the city has ever featured in the list.

Scouts tree plan

NEARLY 300 scouts, cubs and beavers will be heading to Goudhurst to plant rare trees.

The youngsters, from 11 packs across Kent and Sussex, will be at Bedgebury Pinetum next Saturday as part of the Scouts For Trees initiative to commemorate 100 years of scouting.

Chris Reynolds, curator of the National Pinetum said "These plantings will mark the start of a long-term project to plant thousands of trees from all over the world in the Pinetum. This living gene bank will help ensure the long-term survival of endangered trees.

"The day will focus on planting the first trees in our South American area. First we will show each scout group how we propagate the trees in our nursery, then we'll take them up to the planting site and talk about why trees are threatened and why they need our help. Then finally they will plant a tree."

A NUMBER of events are taking place at the Glades Shopping Centre in Bromley to raise awareness of breast cancer. A month of pink-themed events kicks off with a Ladies Day on Thursday, with make-overs and health advice available in the day and wine, canapés and inspirational speakers. Tickets cost £10.

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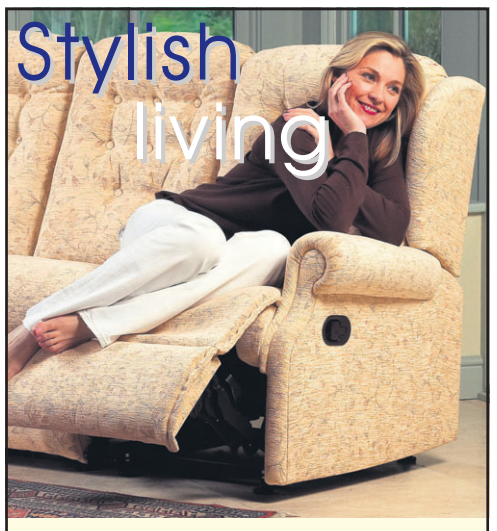

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Inheritance Tax Surgeries

Laurie Cook and Darien Williams will be holding Inheritance Tax Surgeries at their offices in Westerham on 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th October. Appointments can be held in the comfort of your own home if you prefer. If for any reason these dates are not convenient, please still call as other dates can be arranged.

If you would like to know more about reducing or eliminating your Inheritance Tax liability, then telephone Gail Gore on 0800 298 7770 for a consultation without cost or obligation.

Numbers are limited - appointments will be held between 9.30am and 3.30pm and will last approximately 40 minutes to an hour.

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Williams' trip halts gay split

By **PHIL REILLY**
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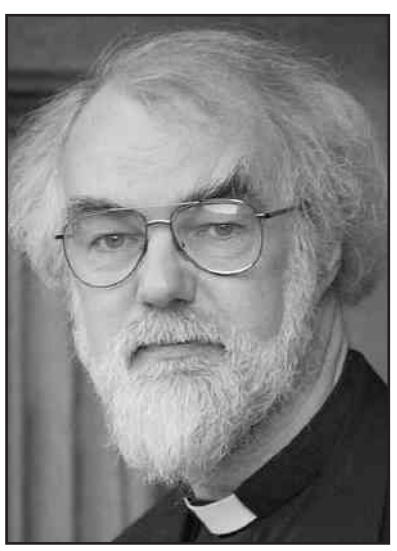
THE Anglican church avoided its biggest split in modern history this week, following last-ditch talks by the Archbishop of Canterbury in America.

Dr Rowan Williams travelled to the States to try and persuade the US Episcopal Church, the American wing of the Anglican church, not to ordain gay bishops.

The decision to ordain openly homosexual bishop Gene Robinson in New Hampshire in 2003 caused uproar among conservative clergy outside the US. The fall-out was most notable in Africa, where several bishops threatened to pull out of the Anglican Communion, the Church's international body.

Following a summit in Tanzania, the Americans were given until September 30 to abandon the policy or be kicked out themselves.

After six days of negotiations in New Orleans, attended by Dr Williams, the American Church decided on Wednesday not to ordain any more gay bishops.



Peacemaker: Dr Rowan Williams

During that time, he is understood to have urged the Americans to make concessions for the sake of preserving international unity.

In a bid seemingly aimed at appeasing the US liberals Dr Williams told a gathering of 159 American bishops that homosexuality is not "a disease".

He said: "I do not assume that homosexual inclination is a disease."

And he added: "Violence against gay people is inexcusable.

"Gay and lesbian people have a place in the Church as do all the baptised."

As well as agreeing not to ordain gay bishops, the US church will halt the blessings of same-sex unions.

Speaking after the decision on Wednesday, American bishops stated their commitment to supporting civil rights for homosexuals, but said they wanted to rebuild trust with the international Church.

Many conservative American bishops had left the country in protest since 2003, with several taking up posts in African countries

Ray Duff, a gay activist from Folkestone, said: "It sounds like his most openly pro-gay, albeit half-hearted, statement yet.

"I think he's edging towards telling the worldwide Church it has got more important things to worry about than always harping on about who is jumping in bed with who."

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KENT Police is one of the best forces in the country for accuracy, according to a new report by the Audit Commission.

The force, as well as the Kent Police Authority which governs it, was described as excellent at recording witness statements and information given to them by victims.

Chief Constable Mike Fuller said: "The Audit Commission has issued a report that confirms the integrity in the way we, as a force, record crime. We have received excellent grades across the board which highlight the importance we place on listening to our communities, recording information correctly and acting upon it."

Ann Barnes, chairman of the Kent Police Authority, added: "One of the core roles of the authority is to monitor performance and set targets. By having reliable data we can be 100 per cent sure we have a full picture to make decisions and allocate resources.

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Back to school – safe and sound

Now that the new term has officially started, there's more traffic on the roads at peak times, but there are also more pedestrians – especially schoolchildren.

That's why Kent Highway Services wants to remind both schoolchildren and motorists to look out for each other on the roads. This is especially important at the start of the September term, as a lot of children will be starting secondary school and taking a route that they are unfamiliar with. Many will have to walk or cycle on busier roads or use public transport on their own for the first time.

In fact, research shows that children in the first two years of secondary school are at the greatest risk of being injured as pedestrians and traffic collisions are the biggest single cause of death for 12 to 16 year olds.

Children walking home in groups can often be distracted, so as a motorist you'll need to pay particular attention when driving near schools and remember that the quiet roads you've got used to over the summer will now be busy.

If you're worried about your child's route to school, it might be helpful to practice the route outside of school time, so you can talk through the possible hazards and identify the safest places to cross.

If your child cycles to school, make sure they always wear appropriate safety equipment, including a helmet and make sure that they can be easily seen with bright or reflective clothing.

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We do charge an application fee for a vehicle crossing, which includes checks with gas, electricity, water and phone companies to see what equipment they have buried under the pavement. It also includes a fee for inspecting the site to make sure that the crossover is built safely and to the correct standards.

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Travel Update

Kent Highway Services

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Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Current	5/10/07	Hartley Road, Cranbrook	Temporary traffic lights – new water mains

Tonbridge and Malling

Current	9/10/07	Tonbridge Road, Hildenborough	Road closure – resurfacing works

Canterbury

Current	10/10/07	Sturry Road, Canterbury	Temporary traffic lights – new water mains

Maidstone

Current	1/11/07	Willington Street, Maidstone	Temporary traffic lights – work on existing gas mains

Thanet

Current	6/11/07	Sandwich Road, Cliffsend	Temporary traffic lights – new gas mains

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My body's hidden disease

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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A VIRUS had been secretly attacking a woman's liver since she had a blood transfusion in the early 1980s.

May Beautridge only discovered the disease after a routine blood test in 2004 revealed she had contracted Hepatitis C.

She said: "It was living in me and I did not even know it was there.

"Hep C is like having Aids, it's living in the blood and you cannot see it. It is secretly in the body and carries on attacking the liver."

The organisers of World Hepatitis Awareness Day on Monday want to draw attention to viral hepatitis (B and C) and help people globally understand the disease.

Hepatitis means 'inflamed liver' and viral infection is the most common cause of the chronic form of the disease.

Early diagnosis is important and an estimated 200,000 people in the UK have hepatitis C – with the majority unaware they have contracted it.

Mrs Beautridge, 53, said living with the disease meant she suffers bouts of fatigue, and aches and pains that have left her unable to work full time.

The grandmother-of-nine, who lives in Maidstone, was put on a year of treatment, which for some people completely cures the disease.

She said: "In my case it didn't work. It was very intrusive. It takes over your life because you have to inject yourself in the tummy and take two tablets a day.

"It was extremely disappointing it didn't work. But I'm fortunate because I'm an active person and I have a positive attitude.

"I'm going to manage this illness – make myself get up in the mornings – or I could become very depressed knowing I have this long-term illness."

Mrs Beautridge has now been diagnosed with liver disease. There may come a point where she has to have a liver transplant.

DISEASE: May Beautridge hopes other people can avoid the suffering she experienced

Confidential

She called for people to get tested. Although the virus she has is incurable, more than half of people infected can be cured.

"Think hard and do not let the stigma get in the way, go to your doctor it is confidential. It is better the quicker you have the treatment.

"It makes me feel better doing something useful about it. You have got to make good out of a bad situation so if more people get tested because of my story I'll be happy," she added.

Body Shop founder Anita Roddick, who died from a brain hemorrhage on September 10, revealed in February this year that she was suffering from liver cirrhosis as a result of chronic Hep C.

She believed the disease was contracted after a large blood transfusion in 1971. She used the diagnosis to actively support and promote the work of the Hepatitis C Trust.

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Olympics cash in as art suffers

LOTTERY money being diverted to the 2012 Olympics is stifling opportunities for a theatre in Ashford, council officials have warned.

In the week a new campaign was launched to push for the venue, Ashford Borough Council chiefs said although a venue is in long-term plans, hopes of securing imminent funding are going nowhere fast.

Christopher Dixon, arts projects co-ordinator for Ashford council said: "At the moment the general climate for funding the arts is difficult because so much lottery money is being redirected to the Olympics We are addressing the problem."

Jack Cowen is leading a new campaign to try and get a theatre space specifically for the town and has launched a website – www.ashfordtheatreproject.co.uk – to encourage support through an online petition.

He said: "I know there have been campaigns before that have failed, but it's not from lack of support from the people who get signatures, but from the point of view of getting funding."

Club's £3m refit of former Ikon

THE COUNTY'S clubbing scene is set to be transformed when Maidstone club Ikon reopens in November, following a £3 million upgrade.

The new 1,800-capacity club has undergone a complete refit and will be relaunched as Liquid and Envy.

General manager Julian Holyoake said: "We plan to provide the ultimate 'must-visit' clubbing experience. Our unique touches will really set us apart from our competition."

The Lockmeadow Leisure Complex in Barker Road will be split into two rooms with a number of unique party booths overlooking the dance floor. The pod-like booths will be used as exclusive VIP rooms when the club opens on Friday, November 2.

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Wildwood's rodents prepare for winter

Mice and warm

THESE tiny creatures are cuddling up getting ready to snooze away the winter months in their cozy nests.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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The dormice live at the Wildwood Trust, near Canterbury, and have been busy scampering around gathering material to line their beds ready for hibernation.

The trust asked supporters to donate natural rope to act as nesting material after 29 baby dormice were born over the summer.

Staff feared there would not be enough bark for the miniature mammals to use as bedding.

Dormice hibernate in the winter to conserve energy while food is scarce so in preparation they will be feasting – nibbling on hazelnuts, acorns and chestnuts.

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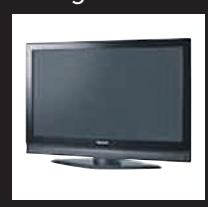

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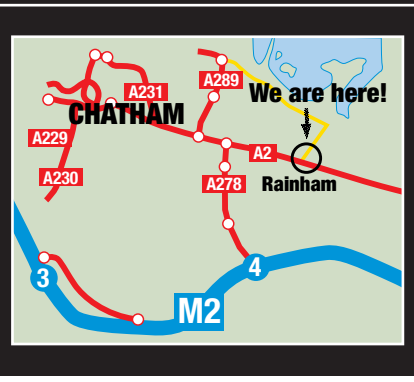

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Grieving pair unite to stop A258 carnage

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AFTER three fatal accidents in the space of six months on a single Kent road, the mother of one of the victims and the girlfriend of another have teamed up to campaign to make the road safer.

Schoolgirl Samantha Horne, 11, carpenter David Wilson, 24, and dad-of-two Simon Kersley-Davis, 39, were all killed on the A258 Dover to Deal road between November, 2006, and May, 2007.

Samantha's mum Lesley Horne and David's girlfriend Carla Goodburn were so determined that others should not suffer the same fate they joined together to start a campaign to prevent further accidents.

Investigations

They have started a petition calling for safety measures, which already has more than 7,000 signatures.

When it reaches 10,000, Dover MP Gwyn Prosser has offered to take it to Downing Street, and the campaign has also received the backing of Labour and Conservative councillors locally.

Ben Bano, the Labour opposition leader at Dover District Council, said he has often felt he was "taking his life in his hands" when he turns on to the road from a junction leading to St Margaret's-at-Cliffe, close to the spot where Mr Wilson's crash occurred.

He said: "We owe it to the families, and not least Lesley and Carla, to do our very, very best to get results and to make this road safer."

A spokesman for Kent County Council's highways department said: "Kent Police's Serious Collision Investigation Unit is continuing its investigations into these accidents, but the highway is not considered by the police to be a contributory factor in any of these tragic incidents."

CARLA'S STORY

Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

CARLA Goodburn (above) and David Wilson were returning from a Sunday afternoon in Ashford looking at engagement rings when their Citroën Saxo was hit by a car hurtling towards them.

The pub worker's three-year-old son Keian, from a previous relationship, was also in the back seat as the car flipped over and spun in the air, landing in a field yards from the road.

When Carla came to, her toddler was already safe in the arms of a friend's parents who had witnessed the crash, but David was slumped lifeless in the driver's seat, covered in blood.

"David had only moved the child seat from behind the driver's seat that morning, which saved Keian's life," she remembered.

"I could have lost them both. He used to tell me he would die for me, and I suppose he did."

The couple had been returning to Carla's home in Deal at the time, but she has since moved with her son to Whitfield in Dover because it is too painful to see the same places she used to visit with David.

"He hadn't proposed to me properly, but we talked a lot about getting married and that was why we were looking at the engagements rings. We were planning our life together, and then it was taken away.

"Not a day goes by when I don't think of David. He was such a friendly person and would get on with anyone, his house was always full of friends. He loved Keian and would have been a fantastic stepfather. That day ruined my life."

Folkestone resident Gary Tupper, the man whose car struck hers, is due to stand trial before crown court in December, having pleaded not guilty to causing death by dangerous driving.

LESLEY'S STORY

SAMANTHA Horne (above) was returning to Deal from Dover after sleeping overnight at a friend's house when she was killed in a three-vehicle crash in May.

Her friend's mother was driving her home, where her new Walmer Science College uniform was waiting for her ahead of her first term at secondary school.

Her doting parents Lesley and Trevor described her as "11 going on 20", a popular little girl who would always wear make up and use hair straighteners before going to see her friends.

Lesley said: "She was such a lovely, kind and caring girl. She cared so much about her friends that she would worry when she spent time with one and not another.

"Even the day before the accident she was worried that she might upset her friend Katy because she was staying over at Mattie's house and not hers."

Samantha was the youngest of six siblings in an incredibly tight-knit family and there are still hundreds of photos of her dotted around her parents' Deal home.

Lesley continued: "It still hurts every time I walk into the house, it hurts all the time. I still can't believe it, it's like it's not true. I still want her to come in through the door.

"At first it was shock, but now it's like I've got to accept it, like it's real.

"I just think it's such a waste of such a young life, she had so much to live for and so much to do. I don't want another family to go through what we went through, if we can do that then at least she won't have died for nothing. If she had to die I want her life to not have been in vain. If we save someone's life then it wouldn't have been."

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Aerial battle left war hero, shot, wet and 'scrambled'

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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AT the height of the Battle of Britain three pilots were scrambled to patrol over the Garden of England – but only two returned to base.

One of the survivors, Flight Lieutenant William Walker, has shared his poignant story of heroics and humour in the face of terrifying adversity.

Now, at 94-years-old, he can look back at that fateful day in the summer of 1940, when his Spitfire came nose to nose with an enemy Messerschmitt 109 and he was shot down off the coast of Thanet.

Flt Lt Walker and his comrades Teddy St Aubyn and Marmaduke Riley flew Spitfires with No 616 Squadron from the RAF Kenley airfield, near Croydon.

On August 26, as they were soaring in the skies above Dover and Dungeness they came face-to-face with "a whole load of 109s".

Flt Lt Walker said: "Teddy was shot down and terribly badly burnt, but he survived. Sergeant Ridley was killed instantly.

"I was turning towards one when I suddenly felt a pain in my leg and realised I had been hit. The controls weren't working, so although there was armour plating behind the seat the bullet had come in underneath to get me in the ankle."

The plane was covered in bullet holes and deciding the best option was to bale out he struggled out of his restrictive helmet.

In the adrenaline rush and fight for survival, he fell out of the aircraft.

Flt Lt Walker, who now lives in London, pulled the cord of his parachute, falling through the clouds, before realising with horror he was above the sea.

He landed with his 'Mae West' – life vest – in shreds and swam to a shipwreck he saw above the waves.

A fishing boat then came to his rescue. He was given a cup of tea and a shot of whisky before being picked up by a RAF launch.

A cheering crowd met Flt Lt Walker as he was carried up the stairs at Ramsgate Harbour.

The hospital in the Thanet town had been badly bombed and so could only offer him a cup of tea and a slice of bread after his ordeal.

He was sent to hospital in London. Flt Lt Walker recalled: "Of course, all the sign posts had been removed and the driver didn't know the way. Fortunately I knew it pretty well and directed him."

They eventually arrived in the capital, but instead of going straight to hospital to have the bullet removed from his ankle, the thirsty pilot stopped off for a couple of pints along the way.

At the hospital he finally got to eat. He said: "A nurse managed to rustle up some scrambled eggs, which seemed appropriate, especially as I had well and truly scrambled myself."

HIGH FLYER: Flight Lieutenant William Walker during his days as a WWII pilot

THE female Few were part of an RAF squadron that delivered aircraft around the country during World War Two.

A total of 154 young women served with the Air Transport Auxiliary.

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Toff named as mastermind in heist at castle

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NEWLY released police records claim the "oily scoundrel" father of It girls Victoria and Isabella Hervey may have been the mastermind behind a jewellery heist at Hever Castle in the 1940s.

A Metropolitan Police file held at the National Archive shows Victor Hervey, the sixth Marquess of Bristol and a convicted criminal, was the chief suspect behind the raid on the Kent landmark.

The robbery took place on April 4, 1946, with scores of small items of expensive jewellery stolen from around the castle, which was the family home of Anne Boleyn.

Among the items taken was a gold signet ring belonging to Henry VIII, as well as medals, miniatures, snuff boxes, lockets, rings and a dagger.

Hever Castle's head steward Jane Apps told this newspaper: "He seemed to steal quite a lot and obviously knew what he was doing.

"I wasn't aware of the robbery until these documents were released, but we have records of the items stolen. They were all small items.

"How he got about the whole castle, I don't know."

The file contains an anonymous letter to the police by a member of the public which describes Hervey as "one of the most unscrupulous, calculating and cunning criminals at large".

It goes on: "No effort should be spared in ridding this ghastly parasite from our midst. He stops at nothing, and nothing is too low for him to stoop to in order to satisfy his lust and greed."

Mayfair Playboys

A note by an investigating officer also stated: "Although vicious to almost a sadistic degree, I am certain he would not be fool enough to carry firearms."

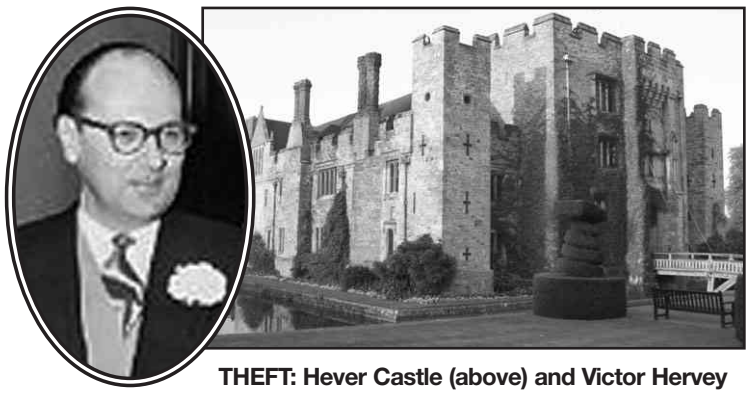
It was thought that Hervey's black Rolls Royce was used as the getaway vehicle for four masked men during the raid, and that the loot had been stashed aboard his houseboat, the Dry Martini, which he was living on in Middlesex.

He was reputed to have been the ringleader of a gang called the Mayfair Playboys, who were behind a string of robberies from aristocrats.

He was found guilty of two in 1939 at the age of 22 and jailed for three years, having been declared bankrupt just over a year earlier with debts equivalent to £10 million in modern money.

Hervey went on to become a successful and respected businessman, a member of the House of Lords, as well as chancellor of the Monarchist League.

He died in 1985, when Victoria and Isabella were just children.



THEFT: Hever Castle (above) and Victor Hervey

The socialites have since carved out their own careers. Lady Victoria opened her own boutique and wrote a regular column for the Sunday Times, and has since appeared on reality TV shows The Farm and Love Island.

Lady Isabella has also appeared in reality TV shows, and was in 2005 made 'the face' of Playboy TV.

Hever Castle has also been the subject of thefts in the recent past, with five miniature antique paintings stolen in 2003, and a Roman vase taken from its Italian Garden and its marble plinth smashed in 2005.

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GOLF'S Open Championship is coming back to the Royal St George's Club at Sandwich.

The east Kent economy is set to benefit to the tune of around £20 million from the tournament, which was last staged at the prestigious club four years ago.

Last time around, 183,000 people flocked to Sandwich.

David Hill, of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, the tournament organiser, added: "It is a huge undertaking and the R&A would like to thank the club for their cooperation, which has enabled the championship to return."

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Mentally ill failed by NHS, say carers

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TORMENT: Mentally ill patients are being left to suffer in silence, say carers

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CARE workers have raised concerns about gaps in the quality of healthcare for the mentally ill.

Last week, this newspaper revealed how families in East Kent are struggling to cope with looking after loved ones experiencing mental health problems.

Now, carers have claimed that patients who are violent or suicidal are being ignored because their mental illness is not considered to be serious enough.

They are not given the right amount of treatment by the NHS – making their mental health much worse, say the carers.

"Clients are not getting the help they need to cope," said one carer, who preferred not to be named.

"They are getting ill and every episode is thought to cause irreparable damage."

There have been cases of people suffering from a range of mental illnesses, ranging from mild dementia to psychosis, slipping through the net.

These situations are unpredictable and dangerous for all involved – but they do not qualify as a 'crisis' under NHS guidelines.

The model of care for treating people with serious mental health problems has changed and less people now need to be treated in hospital wards.

Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust is responsible for mental health services in the county.

The trust said advances in mental healthcare meant patients were staying in hospital for shorter times.

Work by its Crisis Assessment and Treatment Team (CATT) had led to a drop in the number of admissions to mental health units, it claimed.

A carer, who lives in East Kent, became involved with mental health services because her daughter suffers from severe psychiatric problems.

She now works closely with the trust and other carers suggesting how improvements to services can be made.

Intervention

"There is no access to qualified professional mental health support out of hours for emergency clients who are ill and in urgent need of support, but not yet ill enough to meet the narrow criteria for crisis team support," she said.

Carers cannot access CATT for support for their client – referrals have to be made by professionals, including the police, GPs and social services.

Trust guidance states the professionals should ask themselves, "is the crisis of such severity that it urgently requires intervention within the next four hours?" when judging whether to refer someone to the team.

However, speaking from experience, the carer said: "When people are, or become mentally ill, it is like a slippery slope.

"Often the client is at risk and so may the carers and the public be, but they cannot get help out of hours. You cannot get help unless you are at a hospital level of illness."

The carer was spurred on to campaign for better services after her daughter became a victim of the mental healthcare system. She did not get the treatment she needed and has now been hospitalised for a number of years, said the carer.

The trust's spokesman said: "Anyone who meets the CATT referral criteria will be seen and assessed by CATT.

"It is in the cases where people do not meet CATT referral and eligibility criteria that we are currently exploring how we can further improve services."

Back from the brink to win award

SUFFERING from bi-polar disorder, alone and desperate, a 21-year-old from Rochester threw himself in front of a train.

Nik Brooks, now 34, survived but spiralled into drug addiction after having his legs amputated after the suicide attempt.

But he battled back from the brink and now the father of two's work has been recognised after he won an employee honour at the Shaw Trust's regional awards ceremony.

"I never, in a million years, dreamt I'd be where I am now," he said. "Now I'm helping others to change their lives and you can't beat that feeling."

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KENT ON SUNDAY

COMMENT

Rebate is just a slap in the face

GORDON Brown said suspiciously little about the Armed Forces in his 65-minute speech to the Labour Party conference this week.

He left it to Des Browne to announce the Government's latest effort to make life a little easier for our boys serving overseas, with the emphasis on 'a little'.

Offering just 25 per cent off their council tax bills, which applies only while they are out of the country risking their lives, was not exactly the gesture many had hoped for.

Not only are our soldiers left without all the necessary equipment on the front line, many, particularly single men, live in sub-standard digs in the UK. This is simply not good enough.

The Government needs to look long and hard at how it treats the young men and women it sends to war.

Get well Sandy

ALL the staff at KOS Media would like to pass on their best wishes to former county council leader Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, who is recovering from a major operation to remove a cancerous tumour.

Lord Bruce-Lockhart has been a champion of Kent for many years, rising from running a farm in Headcorn to leading an organisation with a budget of £1 billion.

Once described as the most powerful Tory in the country, the number of messages of goodwill passed on from some of the most influential politicians in the land is testament to the high regard he is held.

He has been a dedicated servant and we wish him a full and speedy recovery so he can continue to be one for many years to come.

OPINION: Need to work together

RICHARD ASHWORTH talks about the global problem of migration and immigrants

THE announcement by the Cherbourg authorities that they intend to construct a transit camp for migrants has been met with anger and disbelief among the population of the United Kingdom. The issue has reignited the debate held five years ago about economic migrants entering the United Kingdom via France. At that time, under pressure from the British government, the infamous Sangatte refugee camp in Calais was shut down. Now, the announcement from Cherbourg has raised the whole issue once again.

On my fact-finding trips to Calais I have seen that on any day of the week up to 1,000 migrants sleep rough in and around the town. They are there with one intent: to get into the United Kingdom.

In fairness to the mayors of Calais and Cherbourg this is not a problem of their choosing. They didn't invite the migrants to their towns and don't want them there. But, now they are there, they intend to keep them out of the town centres, reduce begging and crime, and provide an acceptable level of humanitarian aid.

In recent times, the ferry operators and port authorities have done much to tighten up security. An unfortunate consequence of closing those avenues is the migrants have become ever more anxious to cross the Channel. They are resorting to increasingly desperate, and occasionally violent, ways to do so and sadly British truckers are often the unfortunate victims of this crime.

SLEEPING ROUGH: Up to a 1,000 migrants sleep rough in Calais

By the time they arrive at the Channel ports, migrants will have made a long and dangerous journey from their home countries – places like Libya, Senegal, Morocco, Iraq, Iran and Albania. Usually they crossed the sea from North Africa arriving in Europe's Southern borders in the Canaries, Malta, Spain and the southern shores. Once they are within the European Union, and particularly the free-movement Schengen zone, they can make their journey to northern France relatively unimpeded.

Rather than blame the mayors, there are two actions which should be taken. In the short-term, the British Home office, with the help of the interior ministry, should raise their presence in the ports. They should contact the migrants and tell them they have no legal claim to residence in the United Kingdom and that if they are found they will be deported. They should also make it clear that if the migrants choose to apply, they will be offered a free return ticket to their country of origin.

Secondly, the European nations need to do much, much more to deter migrants from making the journey. The nations confronted with this problem like Malta, Spain and Greece are invariably poorer, have fewer resources and need our help. Economic migration is a problem which affects every wealthy European nation now and, as the effect of global warming impacts on sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East, it will only get worse.

Migration is not just a problem for the mayors of Northern France. It is a reality of globalisation and the modern world. The problem will only be kept under control when the European nations really decide that it is in their mutual interest to work together.

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Ban religious schooling

I was concerned by your article on page 13 of today's paper headed: 'Plan for Muslim school unveiled' (KoS – September 23). We do not have Labour Party or Conservative Party schools or capitalist nor communist schools, so why should we have religious schools?

Segregation can breed bigotry and misunderstanding. Look at Northern Ireland where most Catholics go to one set of schools and most Protestants to another.

If the two communities don't even mix as children, what hope have they got of understanding one another? I think religious-based schooling should be abolished.

Marc Hurstfield
Northfleet

Treaty to leave EU

The controversy raging over the need for a referendum for the so-called new EU treaty/constitution is all unnecessary.

Judging by the prevailing mood amongst most British people, all that is needed is a referendum for this country to leave the EU forever so we can regain full control of our own affairs through democratically elected MPs at Westminster.

Then, the countless billions of pounds of British taxpayers' money Brussels takes every year could be used here to provide better state pensions, improved healthcare, better schools and for so much more.

British taxpayers are now giving Brussels billions of pounds every year to waste, for its own political ends; rebuilding the economies of the EU member countries of central and eastern Europe that were devastated after decades of Soviet rule and neglect.

Roger Arnold
UK Independence Party

Charge kills towns

So Maidstone council is thinking of introducing paying parking on Sundays (Letters, KoS 23.09.07). Medway Council is also thinking of extending their paying parking to seven days a week, until 10pm and also increasing their charges. Can't or won't the councils see that charging shoppers to park their cars is killing our town centres?

Chatham is nearly dead. In the high street alone there are about 60 empty shop units. They can spend millions of pounds developing the town centres, but that will be no good if shoppers don't go there. What the councils don't seem to realise is that people like to browse around and shop at their leisure. They can't if they are tied to parking meters. Eighty per cent of all shopping is done on impulse.

Peter Nassan
Chatham

No treaty trust

The idea about Kent's Labour MPs opposing a referendum on the EU treaty is nonsense. I do not trust this government on the way they are running our country.

So why should I trust them to debate and make a decision on the EU treaty?

Alan Wanstall
Faversham

Between a Rock…

Surely the Northern Rock fiasco must make us all wake up to just what a state we have allowed this country of ours to degenerate into. One doesn't need to be a brain of Britain to realise that it would all end in tears; you cannot live on escalating credit indefinitely.

Perhaps now ordinary people will wake up to some of the other problems facing this country and in this context I mean England. Uncontrolled immigration from the European Union has created a situation where we need to build 200 houses a week for the foreseeable future just to accommodate the immigrant population.

How they afford to buy them is another question. What I do know is that teachers, nurses, the police and other key workers in this country; the best they can hope for is a one bedroomed box in a high-density development.

From my point of view we have had 60 years of failure from succeeding Labour and Conservative politicians. These politicians, in their desire to make us all equal have turned our towns, cities and villages into areas of alcohol-related battle zones. Excess drink and drugs are now accepted as part of our life.

Schools over these years have staggered from one disaster to another with virtually no improvement in real terms. The numbers and quality of those leaving our universities is declining on an annual basis. Add to this the fact that pensioners in England are denied vital drugs and that their pensions are so pitiful that they could not afford to pay for them anyway and the biggest insult of all is that we have our military personnel in Afghanistan and Iraq with the distinct possibility that soon they will be in Syria and Iran being used as target practice.

The last ten years we have suffered by the actions of a Scottish-dominated Government that has bled England almost dry. No doubt when the next election comes those that vote will turn out and vote for the very parties that have created this disaster. We really are a nation of fools to continually re-elect these so-called politicians.

Mike Tibby
Dartford

All healthy views

The IRP, the independent expert on NHS service change, has been asked by the Secretary of State for Health to carry out a review relating to contested proposals for changes to emergency and general orthopaedic and surgical services at Maidstone Hospital and the Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells.

As part of our review, we would like to hear from local people who feel that they have new information that was not submitted during the formal consultation process or believe that their voice has not been heard. Please contact us via the team at West Kent PCT by email at: civic.engagement@-westkentpct.nhs.uk or by calling 01732 375 288.

The referral to the IRP relates to the decision by West Kent PCT – following a joint consultation with Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust – to relocate emergency and general orthopaedic services and surgical services between Maidstone and Kent and Sussex Hospitals.

Our review will look at whether the proposals will offer local people high quality, safe, sustainable and accessible healthcare services.

Over the coming weeks, we will be undertaking a number of visits to the area to talk to patients, clinicians, local authority representatives, interest groups and people living and working in the area who believe they have new evidence that the IRP should consider.

It is important that our reviews are open and accountable to local communities. We will therefore publish our conclusions on our website – www.irpanel.org.uk – once they have been considered by the Secretary of State for Health.

Dr Peter Barrett CBE
Chair, IRP

Restaurant review

I read with interest every Sunday your excellent review on restaurants around Kent, in particular, establishments in the Thanet area.

Your article on Minster Tandoori was almost spot-on. Living in Minster I frequent the establishment on a regular basis.

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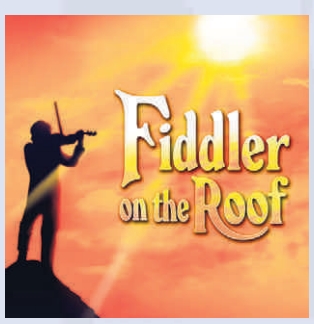

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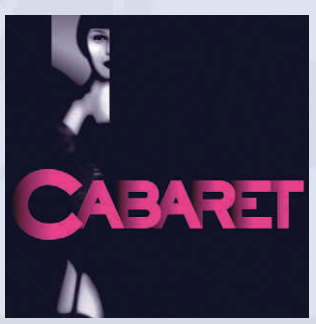

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Over the years I have got to know the family and they regularly create dishes for me that are not on the menu, how refreshing. Having friends in the East End of London I eat in the home of Tandoori land, Brick Lane possibly once a month. My friends who visit me from London and eat at Minster Tandoori rate it as the best available in Kent.

In the review by Jon Coates on September 23 he was reporting on a Thai restaurant in Sevenoaks. This has pushed me to tell you about a Thai restaurant in Thanet, which is the jewel in the crown. It is called The Bangkok, in Prices Road, Margate (off Northdown Road).

We have a lot of pretend Thai restaurants in Thanet, but the Bangkok is the real deal. Small, bring your own tipple, no lunches and only open Tuesday through Saturday.

I have eaten Thai around the country and around the world. This restaurant I would put in my top five authentic restaurants in the UK.

Keep up the good reporting, exposing the restaurants which neither give authentic cuisine nor consider standard of service as a priority.

Malcolm J Farley
Minster

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Bomb memories

I read with interest your article about Dover being shelled in World War Two. My father and mother stayed in Ramsgate throughout the war. Ramsgate was shelled (not as much as Dover). My mother found the shelling very upsetting as there was no prior warning, unlike doodlebugs and air-raids, you were not forewarned.

My mother always admired people who stayed in Dover and although Ramsgate was part of 'Hellfire Corner' she said they had a really bad time.

Valerie Straw
Kingsgate

Burma has no oil

The situation in Burma is yet another one which is being ignored by our so-called ethical foreign policy government.

It seems that dictators and military thugs can get away with anything they want – as long as they don't have oil.

Whether it is Mugabe and his programme of ruining his country's economy or the Burmese generals cutting down bystanders, journalists and monks, our government stands by making limp appeasement-style gestures and empty promises.

Many people will parrot the "far away countries about which we know nothing" line used to such disastrous effect when the Allies allowed Hitler to walk in what was then Czechoslovakia.

But if we can intervene in such places as Iraq and Afghanistan and maintain a long-term commitment to keeping troops there such an argument does not hold water.

If a country wishes to act as a world policeman and trumpets its backing of threatened persons across the globe, then that applies to all – not just those who supply the fuels and materials which keep this country going.

Michael Hardy
Tonbridge

Let leaders govern

With all this fuss being made about whether or not we should have a referendum on the new EU reform treaty, I can't help but think that it is up to our elected leaders to govern, not the public.

If we have a referendum on this issue or that issue, then people will demand one on every issue and our entire system of government will be undermined.

It is true that the Labour government promised a referendum, wrongly in my opinion, on whether or not to sign up to the previous EU Constitution, but this is not the same document.

With the opt-out clauses enshrined in it, the Government has decided that such a vote is not necessary. That is their job; we elected them to make decisions on our behalf.

Any referendum on any matter relating to the EU will become a referendum on our place in Europe. That is not the same thing.

We may soon have an opportunity to elect a new Government, that is our role in the democratic process. If you don't want to be a part of Europe, use your ballot to endorse a party that will pull us out. The fact that the only parties that think this is a wise issue to campaign are on the lunatic fringes should speak for itself.

James Thorpe, Canterbury

Save our Post Office

As the owner of a small business I run from my home I am growing increasingly concerned about the proposals to close one in five Post Offices around the county.

For people living in small communities, local branches are vital for communication. Without one near me I do not know what I would do about admin related to my business. It is only a walk away and I fear if it shuts I will have to travel a long way.

It is also great to get out of the house and there is a real sense of community surrounding the post office.

I often see elderly residents and stop to chat, sometimes even extending the meeting to a cup of coffee at an acquaintance's home. This is the essence of friendly community life I fear will be lost if the post office is shut.

Along with other users of the post office we are backing Kent County Council's campaign to save the post offices but I often doubt how much good it will do as I believe many will be forced to close down despite protest.

I would urge others to join in the campaign. As it says, 'use it or lose it' to stand up for the elderly and disabled people who will be most disadvantaged if branches, especially rural ones, are forced to shut.

P Harris, Tunbridge Wells

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BARTOLO
Peter and Charmaine of Aylesham are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter Lacey who was born on 11th September 2007 and weighed 6lb 15oz. Thanks to all our family for their help and support.

BENSON
Dave and Donna Benson celebrate the birth of their daughter Charisse Shardai Ann Benson. Born 5th September 2007. Weight 6lb 2oz. Little sister to Euan. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

BRADLEY
Angus and Molly are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter Maisie Ann Devas Bradley on the 14th August 2007 at the QEQM Hospital.

BRISK
Giselle would like to say "Hello" to the world, she was born on 29th August 2007. The proud parents are Alex and Francine Brisk of Canterbury.

BURGESS
Alastair and Elaine are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter Evie Louise on the 3rd September 2007

CARDWELL
Amanda and Robert of Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Rebecca Jean, born on 17th September 2007 at QEQM, Margate.

CHIOATO E CARVALHO
Carlos and Edina of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Arthur Ermindo, on 9th September 2007.

CURRY
Claire O'Donnell and Tim Curry would like to announce the birth of their gorgeous son Dylan Curry. Born 11th September 2007.

DAWSON
Kayley and Matthew Dawson are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Imogen Evelyn Dawson on the 20th September 2007.

DEKKER
Philip and Louise of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Amélie Rose on 17th September 2007. First grand daughter to Gordon and Liz and Anne and Ken.

DUCK
Simon and Angela of Dover are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Kelsey Louise, born on 15th September 2007, weighing 6lb 8oz.

FANTETTI
Justin and Carol of Herne Bay are pleased to announce the arrival of William Thomas born on 13th September 2007.

FINLAYSON
Callum and Sophie would like to announce the birth of their daughter Jemima Poppy on the 10th of September 2007

GAMBLE
Claire and Neil Gamble of East Malling celebrate the birth of their daughter Grace Mae Gamble on 11th September 2007, weighing 7lb 13oz.

GILL
Paul and Lauren of Faversham are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Faye Iris, on 14th September 2007 weighing 8lb 3oz.

HARRIS
Wayne Harris and Leigh Davis are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter Freya Harris at the QEQM Hospital on the 8th September 2007.

HARRIS
James and Natalie Harris of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their twin sons, Ben Peter and Luka Thomas. Brothers to Ethan.

HARRIS
Wayne Harris and Leigh Davis are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter Freya Harris at the QEQM Hospital on the 8th September 2007.

HATTON
Elizabeth Laura born to David and Victoria of Wickhambreaux on 31st August 2007 weighing 8lb 10oz. First grandaughter for Ray and Hazel and Janet and Walter.

JARVIS
Riley born on 7th September 2007, weighing 9lb 14oz. Daughter to Natasha Jarvis and Daniel Edwards in Maidstone.

JONES
Tate Devon born on 8th September 2007, weighing 8lbs 8oz. Son to Simone and William Jones and brother to Mackenzie of Ditton.

KINGON-ROUSE
Anna and Mark celebrate the birth of their daughter Jodi on 24th August 2007.Sister to Nathaniel and Charlotte.

KIRK
David and Cara celebrate the birth of their daughter Jodie Danielle on 11th September 2007.

LAMBETH
Tammy and Steven celebrate the birth of their son Cameron Steven Lambeth on 16th September 2007.

LE GRANGE
Paul and Anna of Faversham are proud to announce the birth of their son,Noah Christian Le Grange, who was born at home on 15th September 2007.

LEESE
Kate and Saul celebrate the birth of their daughter Mary Evelyne Claudia on 22nd September 2007. A beautiful sister for Hazel Rebecca.

MANN
Debbie and Tony of Herne Bay are the proud parents of little Alfie Martyn Mann. Alfie was born on 30th August 2007 and weighed 6lb.

MARTIN
Paula and Phil celebrate the birth of their son Kai on 6th September 2007. Brother to Charlotte and Luke.

McCORMICK
Kirsty and Callum of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Carly Belle, born on 17 September 2007 at QEQM. Sister to Jessica Jayne.

MEARS
Stuart and Liz of Canterbury are delighted and proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Sophie Verna Mears, on 13th September 2007 weighing 7lb 7oz.

NEWMAN
Jon and Rachel of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Bethan Gwen, on 5th September 2007.

NOAKES
Dylan Reece born on 8th September 2007, weighing 7lb 11oz. Son to Shaun and Claire Noakes in Ashford.

PARKER
Tegan Louise born on 10th September 2007,weighing 8lb 9oz.Daughter to Kyle and Stephanie in Margate.

PEAK
Sharon and Antt of Herne Bay are pleased to announce the arrival of Grace Elizabeth Peak on 18th September 2007 weighing 6lb 10oz. A little sister for Luke.

PEPPER
Lee and Nicola of Herne Bay are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Lilly, on 22nd September 2007.

PERRISS
Andy and Kelly of Faversham are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sophie Louise, on 15th September 2007 weighing 7lb 9oz.

PICCIOLA
Massimo and Germana are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter Martina, a sister for Cristian. Martina was born on the 10th September 2007 at Darent Valley Hospital. Martina weighed 3.044kg and was born at 12.43pm.

RAPLEY
Simon and Michayla Rapley are pleased to announce the arrival of their son Kyden Rapley on the 12th September 2007.

RODELL-JONES
Grace born on 14th September 2007, weighing 6lb 7oz. Daughter to Ben and Jo Rodell-Jones in Maidstone

ROURKE
Geoff and Joy of Capel-le-Ferne are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Kathleen May on 10th August 2007, weighing 7lbs 15oz. A Sister for Adam and Granddaughter for Shirley and David Gearing.

SAUNDERS
Kenneth and Gillian of Wingham are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Ruari Colin, on 6th September 2007.

SMITH
Jennifer and Michael are delighted to announce the birth of their son Jamie Michael, born on 13th September 2007 in Margate. Brother for Chloe.

SMITH
Mollie Rose born on 15 September 2007, weighing 8lbs. Daughter to Warren and Jacqueline Smith in Maidstone.

STIRRUPS
Joshua-James was born at William Harvey Hospital on 19th September 2007 weighing 7lb 11oz to proud parents Shaun and Chloe of Sturry.

TOLLERTON
Leah and Carl celebrate the birth of their son Riley Jenson Eugene on 17th September 2007. Brother to Scarlett and Tia.

TURPIN
George Alexander Peter Turpin born 16th September 2007 weighing 7lb 6oz son to Mel and Suzanne Turpin and brother to Natalie.

UNSWORTH
Keagan-John Mark Paul born on 21st August 2007, weighing 6lb 11oz. Son to Jamie Unsworth and Kerry-Anne Hayton and brother to Lainee-Marree of Maidstone.

WHITEHEAD
Ashley and Rachel of Hersden are very proud to announce the birth of their second son, Noah Jensen, on 10th September 2007. A new baby brother for Ethan.

WILKINSON
David and Zara of Herne Bay are proud to announce the birth of their second son Jack Eric David Wilkinson, born on 3rd August 2007. A new baby brother for Owen.

WRIGHT
Mark and Rowan of Faversham are very pleased to announce the birth of their second son, Samuel James, on 12th September 2007. A new brother for Kyle.

YOUNG
Lucy Isabel born on 18th September 2007, weighing 8lb 10oz. Daughter to Simon and Marcia Young in Ashford.

DEATHS

AKERS
Danny Akers - Its so hard to say goodbye.

AUSTIN
Gerry Austin of Chartham passed away peacefully at home on 18th September 2007. Husband of Diane and father to Simon and Karen.Funeral to be held at Barham Crematorium on Monday October 1st at 12.40pm. Flowers to CW Lyons and Sons, Canterbury.

BAKER
Sharon Louise Baker of Canterbury passed away peacefully at The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury on 21st September 2007. A much loved wife and mum who will be very sadly missed. The funeral will be held at Canterbury Cemetery on Tuesday 2nd October at 2pm.

BUTTERY
Joan Pauline Buttery of Canterbury died peacefully on Sunday 23rd September 2007. A much loved aunt and friend to many who will be sadly missed.

CROSS
Bill Cross of River, Dover died on 19th September 2007 aged 82 years. He will be sadly missed by all. Funeral enquiries to W J Farrier Ltd 01304 201665.

CURRIE
Colin Currie of Folkestone, passed away peacefully at the William Harvey Hospital on 21st September 2007. Much loved Husband, Dad and Grandad. Sadly missed by all.

GILPIN
Betty (Mary Elizabeth) Gilpin of Canterbury passed away peacefully at the age of 102 on 23rd September 2007. Much loved mum of Joan and Doreen, son in laws John and Michael. Grandchildren Carolyn, Diane and Christopher and great grandchildren Sam, Lucy and Harvey. Service to celebrate her life at the Baptist Church, Canterbury on 4th October 2007 at 2.30pm. All friends very welcome.

GRIGGS
Reginald Sydney Griggs of Canterbury passed away suddenly on 14th September 2007. Funeral to be held at Barham Crematorium on Friday 5th October at 12 noon.

HENDY
Sidney Hendy an exceptional man passed away suddenly on the 17th September 2007. He will be sadly missed by June and all his family and friends.

ISLES
Lottie Isles (Charlotte Ellen) formerly of Sheppey, died at Harbledown Lodge, Canterbury on 16th September 2007. For funeral details please contact Hogben and Sons 01795 580321.

MARSH
Herbert (Peter) Marsh of Folkestone, much loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather passed away on the 20th September 2007. Love you lots xx. Donations to Age Concern at Chittendens Funeral Care, 1 Ingoldsby Road Folkestone CT19 6JJ.

MATTOCKS
Hilda Mattocks of Sittingbourne passed away peacefully at home on 16th September 2007. A loving mum and grandma who will be very sadly missed.

NEWLYN
Bob Newlyn of Canterbury died on 21st September 2007. Funeral enquiries to CW Lyons and Sons 01227 463508.

SAGE
Peter John Sage of East Farleigh died peacefully in his sleep after a long illness on 15th September 2007.

WELLS
Brian of Sturry sadly passed away 13th September 2007. Cremation took place on 28th September. Sadly missed by family and all his friends.

WENHAM
The funeral of Ellen Nellie Wenham will be held at 16:00 on 4th October at Barham Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to the British Stroke Association c/o Dilnott Smith, 183 Gladstone Road, Deal, Kent, Tel 01304 380914.

WILLS
William Henry (Bill) of Ashford, passed away on 24th September 2007. Will be sadly missed by Ian, Colin, Grandchildren and all the family. Enquiries to Earl and Co 01233 620522.

WRAIGHT
Phyllis nee Soutan Passed away September 21 2007 aged 84. Dearly loved mum to Wendy and Gill. Mother-in-Law to John and Mick, dear Nan to Ryan, Danny, Stephen and Paije. Reunited with Lionel. Funeral to be held at Barham Crematorium Thursday October 4th at noon. Family Flowers only, donations to Pilgrims Hospice.

MARRIAGES

MISS CHYBALA AND MR JENNER
Joanna and Andrew of Nottingham were married at Wellington House, Canterbury on 27th September 2007. The groom was born and raised in Canterbury and returned home for his wedding. The bride was born in Poland and was delighted that her father was able to fly in from Poland and proudly give his daughter away.

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Fun scheme for teens unable to find employment

SCHOOL leavers who have been unable to get a job can turn to a new scheme which will help make it easier.

Connexions Activity Contract is open to 16 and 17-year-olds who have been out of work for 20 weeks and are not receiving benefits.

The Kent-wide campaign has just started promoting itself, yet the sign-up has already been a success.

Participants are paid £20 a week to be involved in a programme of activities for up to 20 weeks.

They work with a Connexions personal adviser, embarking on a flexible range of activities including learning job-seeking techniques, getting work experience, improving reading, writing and number skills and developing confidence. To ensure young people see it as an enjoyable experience, there's an emphasis on doing sport and other fun activities.

Louise Beck, from Connexions Kent and Medway, said: "We have had an excellent response to the campaign. It was particularly successful in generating inquiries from target areas like Dover, Folkestone, Gravesend and Dartford. We are now talking to applicants and have already signed up a number of youngsters to the programme.

"Activity Agreements are all about helping young people get into work or training and we are pleased with the response to this campaign."

E-learning to help social care workers

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

HEALTH and social care workers need constant updating on new learning techniques, and a pair of university academics have devised a new system.

Alisoun Milne and Joanne Warner are both senior lecturers in the University of Kent's School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research.

They were commissioned by the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE), which was set up by the Government in 2001 to improve social care services for adults and children.

Working alongside a team of IT professionals, the pair created a series of e-learning materials, under the title of An Introduction to the Mental Health of Older People and it's available to anyone who has registered on the SCIE website.

It makes use of video, quizzes, games, pictures, audio clips and graphics to make lessons truly interactive for social care workers, who can tap into the material at any time and learn at a speed that suits them.

Mrs Milne said the team wants to present sometimes complex and multi-dimensional material to workers in a fun, flexible and engaging way.

She said: "People learn in different ways, and e-learning gives people the chance to try different things for themselves.

"The challenge for us was to present the material on mental health for older people in a visually appealing and accurate way.

"Our aim was to provide a fully interactive learning experience and one which is as interesting and relevant as possible for the user."

The scheme is not a replacement for anything, but rather a complement programme.

She said: "The word I would use for the material is 'friendly'. It's no substitute for more formal training, but it should complement it and act as a way in for exploring new subjects within social care."

Allan Bowman, chairman of SCIE, said: "People who work in social care often have demanding and unpredictable workloads and so, understandably, want to learn about good practice at a time and place that suits them.

"The use of the web and e-learning is an ideal way for social care workers and students to update their professional knowledge, learn interactively and improve their technology skills and confidence.

"Employers can also benefit from reduced training and operation costs, and improved workforce effectiveness."

The project will be showcased at the National Children and Adult Services Conference, in Bournemouth next month. It is Britain's largest annual event for children's services and adult care.

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Games gold medal haul for organ transplant student

HAVING a kidney transplant has not slowed a Kent university student who has just scooped a handful of medals at the World Transplant Games.

Bio science and medical physiology student George Newman picked up four golds and two silvers at the games in Thailand.

Mr Newman, from Eltham, said Team GB dominated the pool events.

He took top honours in the 100 metres breaststroke, 50 metres breaststroke, men's freestyle relay and men's medley relay. His skills in the water mean he has broken his record from Canada two years ago when he took three golds, and he is now looking forward to Australia in 2009.

Welcoming

Not happy with just wining, the 19-year-old smashed the world record as part of the team in the men's medley relay.

He said: "It was really enjoyable and Thailand was much different from other parts of the world I have visited. The Thai people were incredibly welcoming despite signs of evident poverty."

The Greenwich Borough Mariner Swimming Club member had a kidney transplant in 1988 having experienced difficulties from birth.

The transplant was not going too well at first, but a change in his treatment medicine changed his would-be vet's life, and he now trains once a day all week, plus there is plenty of working out in the gym.

Just to make life a little harder than it already was, Newman broke his hand just before leaving for the Games.

He said: "Swimming has given me some fantastic opportunities to explore the world and meet many new people. I hope to be able to continue as it's a real honour to represent your country on the world stage.

"For me and all the athletes we require sponsorship and have to undertake a lot of fund-raising but I am already really looking forward to 2009 and a chance to do even better Down Under."

Dr Stuart Ashenden, the University of Greenwich's director of academic planning, Medway, said: "George is an outstanding example to all and deserves every bit of success which has come about through sheer will, hard work and determination."

Anyone wishing to sponsor Mr Newman can email kidneyswimmer@hotmail.com.

5,000th success

A 20-YEAR-OLD from Margate has become the 5,000th Skills Plus learner at the Kent Adult Education Service.

James Smith has completed his Level Two Literacy certificate at the town's centre and is now a health and social care worker at the Claremont Care Home for the elderly.

He needed better skills to move up the career ladder, and turned to the adult education system.

He said: "A friend told me about Skills Plus and I decided to give it a go and went along to the centre.

"I had an initial test to assess my level of ability and now I have completed the course and have my level two certificate."

Fund raising

The free Skills Plus initiative used to have just one centre in Sittingbourne, but its success has really taken off. There are now 11 in Kent.

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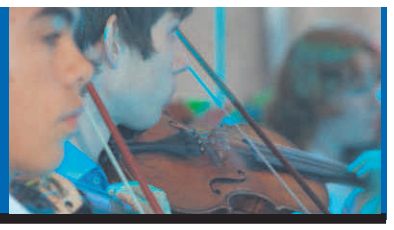

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Schools being strangled by red tape, says head

Private sector is embracing new types of examinations

ALL schools in every sector are bring tied down by ever increasing amounts of red tape from government, says one headteacher of a Kent independent school.

And central government policy is also leading to an education system that employers are "losing confidence" in.

There are predictions that universities are also losing faith in the current system to provide useful measures of students' abilities as they battle for undergraduate places.

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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The headteacher of Rochester Independent College, Alistair Brownlow said: "Schools, even independent ones, have never faced as much regulatory red tape as they do now.

"The Government's centralising instincts have led to a one-size-fits-all approach to school inspection and a prescriptive examination system that many leading universities and employers are losing confidence in."

He went on to say: "Independent schools moving away from the conventional UK education system and embracing International General Certificates of Secondary Education, the International Baccalaureate and looking at the new Pre U exam as an alternative university entry qualification is evidence of the sector's ability to respond to the demands of the universities for quality, genuinely well educated students."

And he added: "To retain true independence private schools should be brave and not compromise their core values.

"They should trust the choice and confidence of their fee-paying parents and maintain an emphasis on the success and happiness of each individual child rather than jumping through every new government hoop."

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The report said many young children are clueless about the origins of beef, and even that eggs are produced by chickens.

But Simon O'Malley, headteacher of Wellesley House in Broadstairs, ensures his pupils are kept informed.

He said: "We make sure our students do know where their food comes from.

"They have been picking apples from Wellesley's own orchard and turned them into delicious apple crumbles."

His wife Katy O'Malley said: "I teach the children cookery. I think it's important children understand how the food arrives on their plate and gathering ingredients and cooking them is one way of making this happen."

Inspectors can offer unbiased information to help parents

FOR parents wanting to know the history of how well an independent school is actually doing, there is help at hand.

The Independent Schools Inspectorate is responsible for inspecting the 1,200 independent schools in England in membership of the Independent Schools Council.

Anyone can visit its website, search for the independent school they are interested in, and download recent comprehensive reports.

The inspections are rigorous, careful, objective, and without bias, said the organisation.

Head of communications, Durrell Barnes, said: "We are the body approved by the Secretary of State for the inspection of independent schools.

"Our inspection reports are there to give an unbiased assessment of schools that parents can then use to help them in their choice of schools.

"If parents want accurate up-to-date information on independent schools, they can easily find it all on our website."

For more information contact the Independent Schools Inspectorate, CAP House, 9-12 Long Lane, London EC1A 9HA, telephone 020 7600 0100, email info@isinspect.org.uk, or see www.isinspect.org.uk.

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